

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-15 are pending in the present application.

Claim 3 is canceled.

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 are amended to more particularly point out and clearly define the invention.

Claims 11-15 are new.

Independent claims 1 and 5 are amended to recite reducing agents chosen from quinone compounds and acyl esters or triethanolamines. Support in the specification is at page 26, lines 8-22.

Claim 4 is amended to delete the term “reducing agents” in view of the amendment of claim 1.

Claim 8 is amended to change its dependency from claim 5 to new claim 11, and to delete the term “cyclopentanone”.

Support in the specification for new claim 11 is at page 32, lines 1-31.

Support in the specification for new claim 12 is at page 32, lines 3-5.

Support in the specification for new claims 13 and 14 is at page 26, lines 8-22.

Support in the specification for new claim 15 is at page 6, lines 24-25.

Claim 8 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as allegedly being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of the claim from which it depends.

Applicants have amended claim 8 to change its dependency to new claim 11 and have deleted the term “cyclopentanone” from the claim.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection of claim 8 under 37 CFR 1.75(c).

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. 5,681,676 to Telfer et al. in view of U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Telfer et al. do not teach or suggest a cyclopentanone photosensitizer in combination with one or more reducing agents chosen from quinone compounds and acyl esters of triethanolamine to affect a color or shade change in the imaging composition.

Kuchta does not make up for the deficiencies of Telfer et al. Kuchta also is deficient in that he does not show the combination of a cyclopentanone photosensitizer with one or more reducing agents chosen from quinone compounds and acyl esters of triethanolamine to affect a color or shade change in the imaging composition.

Since claims 2 and 4 depend directly from claim 1, they also are patentable over the applied documents.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. 5,681,676 to Telfer et al. in view of U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta.

Claims 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. 6,547,397 to Kaufman et al. in view of U.S. 5,681,676 to Telfer et al. and in further view of U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As admitted in the Office Action at page 3, paragraph 7 Kaufman et al. do not disclose a cyclopentanone compound in an imaging composition. Kaufman et al. also do not teach or suggest cyclopentanone photosensitizers in combination with one or more reducing agents chosen from quinone compounds and acyl esters of triethanolamine as recited in present claim 5.

Telfer et al. and Kuchta, alone or in combination, do not make up for the deficiencies of Kaufman et al. As discussed above neither document teaches or suggests an imaging composition comprising one or more cyclopentanone photosensitizers and one or more reducing agents chosen from quinone compounds and acyl esters of triethanolamine to affect a color or shade change.

Claims 6-7 and 9-10 are patentable over the applied documents for the same reasons as claim 5 because they depend from claim 5.

Claim 8 depends from new claim 11 and is patentable over the applied documents because the applied documents alone or in combination do not teach or suggest the method of claim 11.

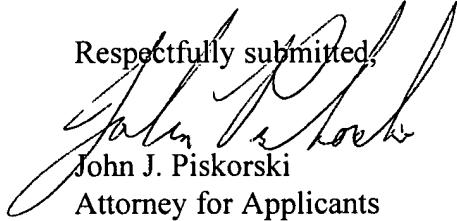
Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. 6,547,397 to Kaufman et al. in view of U.S. 5,681,676 to Telfer et al. and further in view of U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta.

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1, 2 and 4-15 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response or this application, or should she believe this application is for any reason not yet in condition for allowance, she is

respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below in order to expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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